

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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A METHOD OF THERMALLY-ASSISTED DATA RECORDING AND A  
RECORDING APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

15. A method according to claim 1, in which the reading of  
the data uses the magneto-optical effect of the medium by  
means of an optical sensor.

16. A method according to claim 2, in which the reading of  
the data uses the magneto-optical effect of the medium by  
means of an optical sensor.